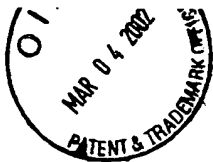


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In re Patent Application of

M. IZAWA et al

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For: A DRY ETCHING METHOD

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a two-month Extension of Time, to and including March 2, 2002, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Our check including the amount of \$400.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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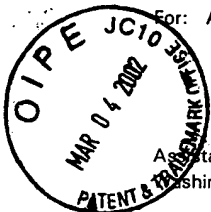
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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